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From the BOARD

Good Evening and welcome everybody to tonight's game against South Melbourne.

I trust you had a safe and happy holiday season.

Tonight's fixture has had a certain stigma attached to it.

The reason being we havent beaten South Melbourne in the history of this club and tonight we hope history will be made.

With the start of the new year, we hope that we can begin the year in a positive manner and start posting victories.

Enjoy tonight's game and lets hope we see our first victory against South Melbourne.

JOHN BUHAGIAR
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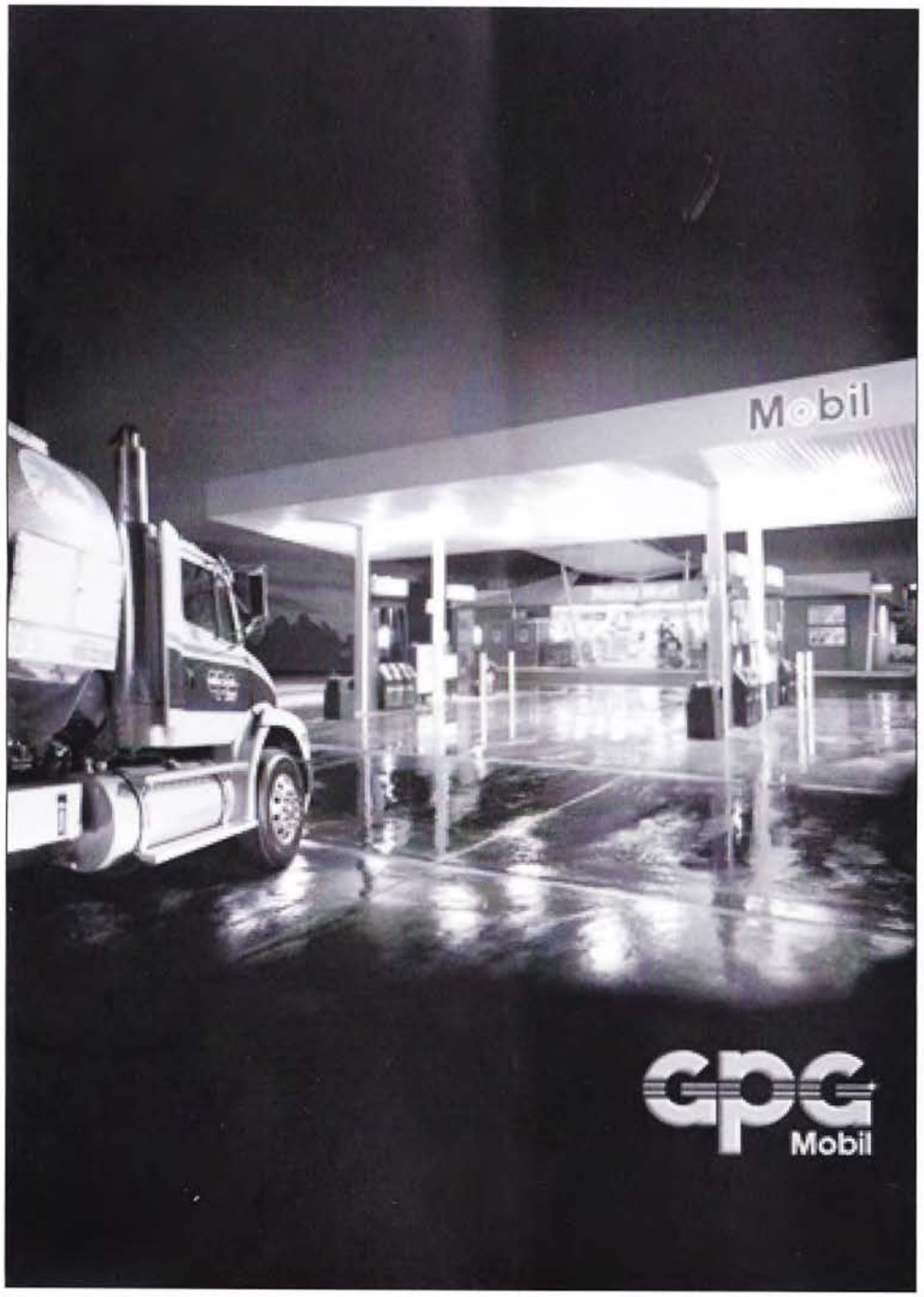

From the COACH

Good evening and welcome to Mobil park for the clash with South Melbourne. I hope all our fans had a safe and Happy Christmas / New Year period.

Well, much has been said about's tonights game between us and South Melbourne.

The main issue is that this club has never beaten them, and as coach I want to be involved with the first Eastern Pride team that does so.

The lads are also aware of the record books and they will do all they can to acheieve an historic victory.

We must also welcome back an old friend in Mehmet Durakovic, who gave this club such great service last year.

However whilst we welcome Mem, We can assure him in the nicest possible way, that there will be no favours given!

With the a New year beginning, We'll be looking to improve our results and hopefully our ladder postion will be far more respectable than it currently is.

Again I wish to let our fans know we are doing our utmost to get our squad as competitive as possible and your support is always appreciated.

JEFF HOPKINS
Eastern Pride Coach

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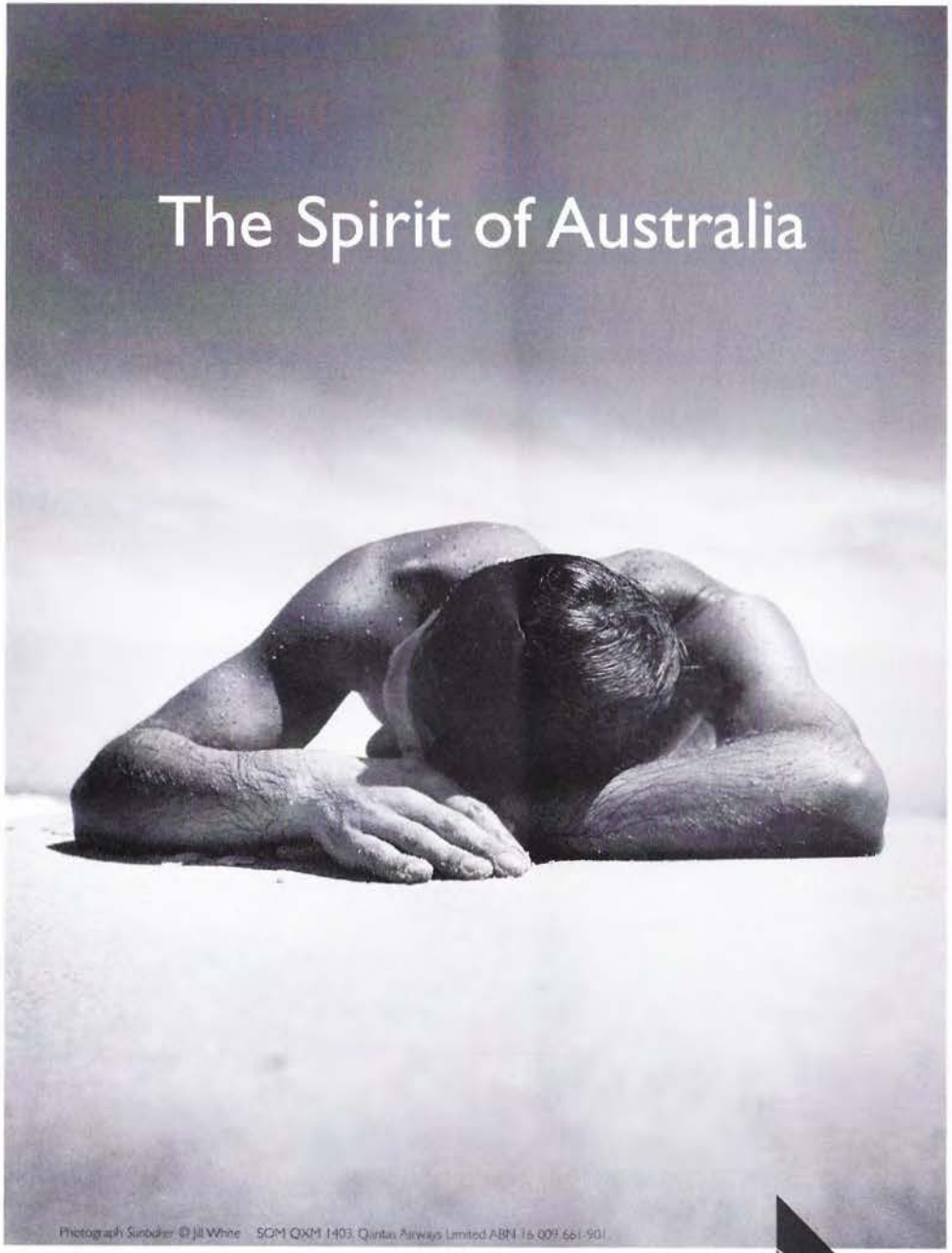

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Eastern Pride's Clayton Bell, and Daniel Watkins in recent action at Mobil Park.

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A point to prove

Daniel Watkins has definitely made a positive impact since joining Eastern Pride on loan from Northern Spirit.

He's been one of the better players in the past weeks and is enjoying his time at Pride. "It's been good so far. Its great to get a regular game and I definitely have a point to prove in that I should be playing senior grade soccer".

The solidly built forward has been a shining light up front, and has the ability to hold the ball in the forward zone with his physicality. "I'd have to say its one of the stronger points of my game, in that I'm a able to use my body frame to hold out opponents, it especially useful these days as the defenders seem to be getting taller and stronger".

On the team's current form Watkin's believes the bottom placing doesn't do the squad justice. "I think we have a strong group of players, all we need is a

killer instinct. We've shown already this season that we are quite capable of holding our own, its just we need to finish off".

On his future career, Watkins responded by saying "I'd like to represent my country one day and maybe play overseas, but my first priority is to concentrate at playing more NSL games and then see what happens".

Clayton Bell taking on the Strikers
Photo's courtesy of: Stan Wright

The media's view of soccer in Australia

Getting the word out in any sports is a very important task, particularly the media's role.

Currently there are many mediums for the "message" to get across to the public.

With the onset of the Internet the more traditional forms of coverage have changed a great deal.In soccer's case, one can now click on a website to listen to a live "netcast" of a game, get all the latest news on any particular club and even participate in "chat" room sessions with players and coaches.

At last fans can exchange opinions and advice and get it off their chest so to speak! Radio still plays an important role in coverage of NSL games, with community radio bearing the torch. At present there are only a handful of commercial stations covering NSL games and radio coverage in Sydney is minimal to say the least.

Television is probably the most controversial of all the mediums, the main reason being accessibility to the general public. Currently C7 and Channel 7 have the television broadcast rights. Free to Air TV still plays an important part in sports coverage and soccer is not being done justice by having highlights of its games on at 12 midnight on a Tuesday night. It's ok if you have pay TV, but if a game is to flourish it needs better treatment.

Then comes the print medium. Again soccer related stories manage to find their way behind other news in the sports pages. The only time it does make the back page is when controversy occurs, the Carlton fiasco recently is a perfect example, and again its a sad indictment on how the press perceives soccer in this country.

As Eastern Pride's media liaison officer it has definitely been a challenge to talk up a team that hasn't had the best of times, but there are plenty of positives to focus on and I believe media coverage of soccer in this country should focus on the positives.

We have a wonderful competition, with skilful and superbly fit athletes who play at the best time of the year, during summer. You can't beat going to the soccer on a mild summer's night seeing The Pride boys slug it out against the opposition. Sure the results haven't been the best, but its great to be able to watch the highest possible soccer competition here on our doorstep in the Latrobe Valley.

Maybe the media should start seeing the basic positives of our game instead of the continual put downs that it so wrongly deserves.

Jodie **NEWELL**

JODIE NEWELL
Media Liaison Officer

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Round 9
Eastern Pride v Brisbane Strikers

Player's Name	Votes
Marcus Stergiopoulos	3
John Hutchinson	2
Clayton Bell	1

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Round 10
Parramatta Power v Eastern Pride

Player's Name	Votes
John Hutchinson	3
Clayton Bell	2
Marcus Stergiopoulos	1

Winning Sponsor Round 8
Marcus Stergiopoulos
available for sponsorship

Player's Name	Sponsor's Name	Progressive Total
GK Bojo Jevdjevic	Tubemakers	
Dean Fak	Ray Massaro	1
Manny Gotis	Valley Ford	5
Don Ki Kim	Sam Tripodi	10
Ante Deak	Available for Auction	3
Brian MacNichol	Michael Edgeley	
Michael Katz	Tom Anderson	4
Clayton Bell	Peter Rosato	4
Neville Roach	Peter Quirk	4
Robbie Puca	Fred Disipio	3
John Hutchinson	RRT	7
Naum Sekulovski	Danijela Sekulovski	2
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ROUND 13

5-7 January, 2001

EASTERN PRIDE ❑ v SOUTH MELBOURNE ❑

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Friday	5	Northern Spirit	❑	v	Canberra Cosmos	❑
Friday	5	Adelaide City Force	❑	v	Parramatta Power	❑
Friday	22	Kingz	❑	v	Wollongong Wolves	❑
Saturday	6	Perth Glory	❑	v	Brisbane Strikers	❑
Saturday	6	Marconi Stallions	❑	v	Newcastle United	❑
Sunday	7	Sydney Olympic	❑	v	Sydney United	❑
Sunday	7	Carlton	❑	v	Melbourne Knights	❑

Eastern Pride 2000/2001 Season Draw

HOME GAME	ROUND	DATE	HOME GROUND		AWAY TEAM	KICK-OFF
1	1	Sat 14 Oct	Eastern Pride	1 v	Newcastle United	1
	2	Fri 20 Oct	Kingz	2 v	Eastern Pride I	1
2	3	Sat 28 Oct	Eastern Pride	0 v	Northern Spirit	2
	4	Fri 3 Nov	Adelaide City	4 v	Eastern Pride	3
3	5	Sun 12 Nov	Eastern Pride	2 v	Perth Glory	3
	6	Sun 19 Nov	Carlton	3 v	Eastern Pride	1
4	7	Fri 24 Nov	Eastern Pride	0 v	Marconi Stallions	0
	8	Sun 3 Dec	Melbourne Knights	2 v	Eastern Pride	1
5	9	Sat 9 Dec	Eastern Pride	2 v	Brisbane Strikers	2
	10	Sat 16 Dec	Paramatta Power	2 v	Eastern Pride	0
6	11	Sat 23 Dec	Eastern Pride	v	Canberra Cosmos	7.00pm
	12	Fri 29 Dec	Wollongong Wolves	v	Eastern Pride	7.30pm
7	13	Sat 6 Jan	Eastern Pride	v	South Melbourne	7.00pm
	14	Sun 14 Jan	Sydney United	v	Eastern Pride	5.00pm
8	15	Sat 20 Jan	Eastern Pride	v	Sydney Olympic	7.00pm
	16	Fri 26 Jan	Newcastle United	v	Eastern Pride	7.30pm
9	17	Sat 3 Feb	Eastern Pride	v	Kingz	7.00pm
	18	Fri 9 Feb	Northern Spirit	v	Eastern Pride	7.30pm
10	19	Sat 17 Feb	Eastern Pride	v	Adelaide City	7.00pm
	20	Sat 24 Feb	Perth Glory	v	Eastern Pride	7.00pm
11	21	Sat 3 Mar	Eastern Pride	v	Carlton	7.00pm
	22	Sat 10 Mar	Marconi Stallions	v	Eastern Pride	7.00pm
12	23	Sat 17 Mar	Eastern Pride	v	Melbourne Knights	7.00pm
	24	Sun 25 Mar	Brisbane Strikers	v	Eastern Pride	6.00pm
13	25	Sat 31 Mar	Eastern Pride	v	Parramatta Power	7.00pm
	26	Sat 7 Apr	Canberra Cosmos	v	Eastern Pride	6.30pm
14	27	Sat 14 Apr	Eastern Pride	v	Wollongong Wolves	7.00pm
	28	Sun 22 Apr	South Melbourne	v	Eastern Pride	5.00pm
15	29	Wed 25 Apr	Eastern Pride	v	Sydney United	7.00pm
	30	Sun 29 Apr	Sydney Olympic	v	Eastern Pride	3.00pm

All Eastern Pride Home Games will be played at Mobil Park, Crinigan Road Morwell
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Team LIST

Eastern Pride Team List

1	GK BOJO JEVDJEVIC
2	DEAN FAK
3	MANNY GOTIS (VC)
4	DONG KI KIM (VC)
5	ANTE DEAK
6	BRIAN MACNICHOL
7	MICHAEL KATZ
8	CLAYTON BELL (CAPT.)
9	NEVILLE ROACH
10	ROBBIE PUCA
11	JOHN HUTCHINSON
12	NAUM SEKULOVSKI
14	JUAN NILO
15	JONATHAN BUHAGIAR
16	BEN CASSAR
17	PAUL WEARNE
18	DANIEL WATKINS
19	ADAM GRIFFITHS
20	GK EUGENE GALEKOVIC
25	MARCUS STERGIOPOULOS

COACH JEFF HOPKINS

South Melbourne Team List

1	MICHAEL PETKOVIC
2	STEVE IOSIFIDIS
3	FAUSTO DE AMICIS
4	MEHMET DURAKOVIC
5	ROBERT LIPAROTI
6	DAVID CLARKSON
7	STEVE PANOPOULOS
8	VAUGHAN COVENY
9	PAUL TRIMBOLI (CAPT)
10	CON BOUTSIANIS
11	JOHN ANASTASIADIS
12	RICHIE ALAGICH
13	ANDY VLAHOS
14	VAS KALOGERACOS
15	GORAN LOZANOVSKI
16	ZELJKO SUSA
17	RADE CULIBRK
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Coach MIKE PETERSEN

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Peterson meeting the expectation

First year coach and former South player Mike Peterson is currently meeting all the usual expectations of success demanded by the South Melbourne hierarchy and its loyal fans. "Its part of the culture at this club said Peterson, "I was fully aware of it when I was a player here, so nothing has changed since I began my posting. It's a positive thing to be aware of, because I know I have to produce the results".

The season so far has been steady according to Peterson. "When we first got our squad together many people said it was full of aged players. But on the contrary it's been a bonus as the older players such as Trimmers (Paul Trimboli) and Mehmet

Durakovic have been fantastic. The results posted so far have been satisfactory. I'm of the adage that if a player can meet the demands asked of him during matches and training then age is irrelevant". On Durakovic,

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Peterson cannot find enough words to praise him. "Mem's just fantastic, he's a leader in defence and a huge influence on our younger players. Its a real bonus having him in our side, I can understand why he is missed at Eastern Pride.

Peterson is also fully aware of a record between the two sides and that is South Melbourne have never lost a game against the Eastern Pride. "I'm feeling a little apprehensive about that stat. The law of averages has to come up some time, and I hope its not tonight".

Mike **PETERSEN**

MIKE PETERSEN
South Melbourne Coach

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Youth team overview

Youth **TEAM**

So far the season for Eastern Pride youth has been one of excitement.

The team has been at the top of the ladder and produced a number of excellent results and according to Webster its very pleasing to see the team doing well.

"When I first started getting the squad together it was a bit of task to find the right blend. I brought a number of players from Cranbourne, which is where I coached before coming to Pride.

"So far the boys have blended in well together along with the senior players that play in our team. The turning point for the team according to Webster came during its venture to Albury / Wodonga earlier this season.

"We lost that game, but the journey up made the team bond well together and there is a strong sense of camaraderie amongst the boys".

The highlights so far according to Webster have been the form of Dennis Mustac and wins over Carlton and Melbourne Knights.

"Dennis has been a revelation, he was normally a midfielder, but he was a good finisher, so I thought he'd be worth a try as a striker and ever since then he's scored in every game. The wins against Carlton who won last years title and the win against Melbourne Knights without senior players also rate highly".

So how does Webster rate the team's chances come finals time? "I'm hoping that we at least finish in the top four and if we finish first that will be a bonus".

Today's opponents for Eastern Pride youth are South Melbourne.

Player Roster

1. Ucler Mustafa
3. Ross Duckworth
4. Max Walmaggia
5. Leo Trebbia
6. Eamon O'Hare
7. Milos Petrevski
8. Tome Racunica
9. Miles Downie
10. Tony Pardo
14. Martin Lorenzo
16. Simon Webster
18. Denis Mustac
19. Rob Ashby
20. Michael Sivulja
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STAN WEBSTER
Youth Coach

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On the road with Eastern Pride's John Hutchinson

Earlier this season John Hutchinson complied a diary detailing what its like on the road in the NSL.

My Dairy by John Hutchinson.

Thursday October 19th 2000,
3:15am Woke up, got ready, had something to eat.

4:00 am Mark Cassar picked me up then it was off to get Puca and Katz.

6:00-8:am Arrived at Melbourne Airport, checked in, went through customs, played pinball with Dean Fak and waited for our plane to New Zealand.

8:00 Boarded plane for New Zealand (3hr flight)
Plane food was terrible, Naum Sekulovski's passport photo was worse!

11.30 am Arrived in New Zealand, Dean Fak's bag is missing, NZ customs clean our boots as is the usual case when coming here.

3.30pm (Auckland time)
Arrive at hotel, Clayton Bell is my roomate.
No time to rest its off to the Erisson Stadiums No.2 oval for a training session.

4:15pm Started light session, Players spirits are high.

6pm: Take a look at main stadium surface and then its back to our Hotel.

7:30pm Dinner.

8:30pm Visit the Auckland Skytower.

10:00pm Everyone back at Hotel for bed.

Friday 2oth October 2000 (Gameday)

10:am Wake Up, had a shower, Clayton woke me up during the night, (hit me for snorring to loudly!!)

10:30am B'fast, then go for a walk and stretch.

12:00pm Back to hotel, watch TV relax.

1pm: Lunch.

2:00pm Team meeting in Jeff Hopkins room, discuss the game tonight.
Back to our rooms after meeting for a quick nap.

4:20pm Wake up, have a shower and get ready for the game.

5:20 Bus picks us up and takes us to game.

6:00 pm arrive, Get massaged, strapped up, Jeff speaks to us about the game.

6:40pm Go out onto ground for warm-ups.

7:25 Put on our matchday strip, wish each other the best of luck.

9:30pm Come in after game, Very quiet, everyone is disappointed. Do a cool down, get some food and drink lots of water.

10:50pm Arrive back at hotel, Bus trip was very quiet.

11:00pm Team meeting in Jeff's room.After that, a cake was brought out for Clayton's 100th game.
We watch the game on NZ's Sky channel.

1pm Time for bed.

Sunday 21st October 2000.

8:30 am Wake up, have a shower.

9am B'fast

10:45 am Took a walk.

10:50 Downstairs in foyer, to check out of hotel, leave bags at hotel and have some free time. Some players play pinnies, others go for a walk.

1:30pm Back at hotel, jump on the bus for the Airport.

2:00pm Catch plane back to Australia.

4:00pm Arrive safely home in Australia.Go through customs. Should arrive back home in Gippsland at around 9:30pm.

Summary:

Overall the team was confident of a win, but we are all disappointed with the result. Now we are focussing our attention on this week to get a victory for us and our supporters.
All of the players are keen to do well this year, to prove to everybody that Eastern Pride deserves their place in the National Soccer League.
Hopefully we can do great things on the park so our supporters can come and support us.

John Hutchinson October 2000.

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